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TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*

1. At the staff meeting this morning there was another discussion of rationing versus taxes for gasoline, with Ash urging that we all speak with one voice. The problem is, nobody yet knows what voice to speak with or even what, if any, benefits gas rationing would bring to other elements of the energy crisis. Garment said that we would probably take no action on the judgment yesterday that the Cox firing was illegal. It is a moot point now, and while it was a bad call *by the judge*, there seems little reason to pursue the issue through an appeal. Haig ran down the President's schedule. He is having breakfast with a House group this morning, will speak on energy at 11:00 to the National Real Estate Board, receive Cambodian Foreign Minister Long Boret *at noon*, meet with another House group this afternoon and a Senate group at 5:00. Friday morning there will be another breakfast with House members

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he will depart for
and then ~~go to~~ Key Biscayne. The Q and A meeting with AP correspondents will probably be Saturday night. The Carl ~~Vincent~~ *Vinson* birthday party in Macon, Georgia is on Sunday. Tuesday on the way back from Key Biscayne the President will address a Governor's meeting at Memphis. Haig said that in these Congressional meetings, while the format has varied with each one, the President has generally gone through all the charges against him -- ITT, milk, personal properties, etc. and given his position. Some have turned into extensive debates and in the one last evening each Senator was given *the floor for* 10 - 15 minutes -- which forced each one of them to say something. They will try not to repeat that latter format.

2. Have taken care of HAK TO 56. Breakfast at 8:30, barber at 10:00, Dobrynin at 11:30. Since Haig plans to be at Key Biscayne, that meeting is not possible.

3. I finally got the straight answer on the Oklahoma *city* sailing near the PRC. It is very simple -- Defense screwed up.

Warm regards.